

December Events



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n the *Van Vleet Gallery*, this exhibit delivers the message to children that as human beings, we are more alike than different. It presents people living with disabilities as participants in the world and features fun and engaging activities that show the similarities and differences in how each of us, with or without disabilities, go places, communicate, have fun and learn. Visitors have a chance to learn phrases in American Sign Language, type their name in Braille, try a hand-pedaled bike and take part in a multisensory City Walk. My Way kiosks introduce individuals living with disabilities who talk about themselves, their accomplishments and how they overcome challenges in their lives. The exhibit is on loan from the Boston Children's Museum.





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Spark Your Imagination & Light Up Your Mind with Our Special Programs!

Andy Ambulance: This miniature robotic ambulance tells about first aid, emergency medicine and public safety, with a special emphasis on when and how to call 9-1-1. Thursdays at 3 pm for all ages. Sponsored by Rural/Metro Amubulance.

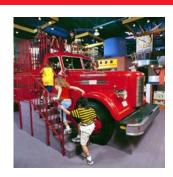
Art Busy: Make special art projects in The Studio. Wednesdays at 3:30 pm for ages 4+. *Sponsored by Target*.

Baby Bug: Engage in activities that foster curiosity and sensory experience. First Wednesday of each month at 10 am for ages 12-24 months. Reservations required: call 901-458-2678. \$6 members and \$8 non-members. *Sponsored*

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by R. Fike.

Hello Stuffee: Learn about the digestive, respiratory and circulatory systems from a seven-foot-tall rag doll that unzips to reveal what's inside the body. Tuesdays at 3 pm for all ages. Sponsored by Rande H. Lazar, MD & Otolaryngology Consultants of Memphis.

Holiday Art: We are presenting Holiday Art in December only. Visit Art Smart to make special projects. Saturdays at 11 am for all ages.

Hot Shot: Learn about the importance of immunization from this puppet that raps and sings about childhood vaccinations. Saturdays at 3 pm for all ages. Sponsored by LeBonheur Children's Medical Center.

Kid Karaoke: Sing your favorite tunes on a real stage in the Rising Stars Theatre. Fridays at 3:30 pm for all ages.

Lab Brats: Enjoy hands-on explorations, investigate scientific inscrutabilities and probe fascinating problems with our "Lab Rat." Third Saturday of each month at 2 pm for ages 6-9. Reservations required: call 901-458-2678. \$3 members and \$4 non-members. Sponsored by Monsanto

Search Party: Look for letters, shapes or colors in this seek and find game - and get a prize. Thursdays at 3:30 pm and Sundays at 1:30 pm for all ages. Tales & Tunes: Listen to a story, sing songs and make a craft. Fridays at 2 pm for all ages.

Toddlers Together: Participate in fun learning activities, crafts and songs. First Wednesday of each month at 10 am for ages 2-3 years. Reservations required; call 901-458-2678. \$6 members and \$8 non-members.

Performances, **Programs & Demos**

Saturday, December 3

'Twas the Night Before Christmas Story Time at 2 pm

Saturday, December 10

A Holiday Sing-a-long with Diana Stein at 2 pm

Sunday, December 18

Hershel & the Hanukkah Goblins Story Time at 1 pm

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Say Happy Hanukkah with Music at 3 pm

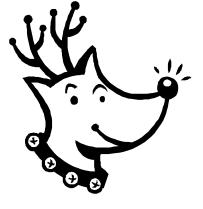


Have Breakfast with Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer on December 10!





ome to our special winter wonderland and have a glowing good time! Everyone's favorite holiday character will appear at two special breakfasts. These fun-filled events allow kids to meet the lovable Rudolph in person, eat a picnic-style breakfast, make a red nose, sing-a-long with the Rudolph song, color special art pages and more. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras to capture that special moment. Hours: 8:30 or 10:30 am. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 non-members (includes museum admission); under 1 free. Reservations required. Call 901-458-2678.









Cheetah Expressions 2004: Living in Harmony with the Cheetah at CMOM **Through January 8**

his unique display of art and writing by primary and secondary school students from Kenya will be making a special stop at CMOM. The exhibit is the result of an art contest that was held in Africa. The hopes of the project are to raise awareness about the cheetah and get children excited about the conservation



of cheetahs. As few as 500 cheetahs remain in Kenya as a result of them losing their habitat to agriculture and urban development. The exhibit also offers a glimpse into the lives of Kenyan school children. The exhibit is on loan from the Cheetah Conservation Fund, Kenya (CCFK). It is included with museum admission.

New Year's at Noon on December 30!

elebrating the New Year has never been more fun for children! Kids get in the spirit of the "Year of the Dog" as they enjoy making party hats, noisemakers and other crafts. Karaoke, balloon animals, face painting, a strolling costumed character and other entertainment complete the activities. Then, right before noon, children join in a parade led by Larry Clark and march to the museum's Time Square exhibit for the countdown to the "New Year." They join in the old favorite "Auld Lang Syne" and then catch fun prizes in the goody toss. To finish off the celebration, there's a dance party with a variety of refreshments to toast 2006! All ages. Hours: 10 am-1 pm. Included with museum admission.

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REMEMBER!

Our Museum Gift Shop offers unique gifts and a great selection of merchandise!



NOTICE!

The museum will be **CLOSED for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, December 24 & 25!**

